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"THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES"

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Since the compilation of "The German Intelligence Services" the absorption of the Abwehr by the RSHA has gone several stages further. These notes are intended to outline such changes as are of importance and to suggest their general effects upon the operations, plans and efficiency of the German Intelligence Services. It should be remembered that the increased authority of the RSHA and the attempts at co-ordination in which this authority has been exercised follow naturally upon HIMMLER's success as representative of the SS in seizing most of the important powers of Government, among which not the least important is the control of the Reserve Army. At least where Abwehr II is concerned, the July plot may have served as an additional excuse for a policy of Gleichschaltung.

A Further encroachment on Milamt.

Apart from SCHULLENBERG himself, at least three important officials of the RSHA, STIMMLE, SANDBERGER and SKORZENY hold key positions in the Militaerisches Amt, and there have been noticeable attempts to improve the quality of agents and generally to instil a more military efficiency into the organization of the ex-Abwehr Service. The scope of reporting by Milamt agents has been widened to include political intelligence with a view to exploiting political trends in countries overrun by the enemy.

In neutral territories the RSHA now controls all espionage and sabotage and has the sole responsibility for the posting of personnel and for finance, and although in occupied territories the mobile Intelligence Units (Frontaufklaerungskdosy) are under the direct orders of the Wehrmachtfuehrungsstab and the armies in the field, they are ultimately subject to the general supervision and administration of the RSHA.

B The re-organization of the Abwehr W/T Services. Nachrichten Regiment 506.

An interesting example of the attempt to raise the standard of efficiency and to economize in manpower is the creation of the Nachrichtenregiment 506. This regiment was set up about August 1944 under Major PORETSCHKIN, the former head of Mil Amt E (Abw. II). It has taken over Militaerisches Amt W/T personnel formerly directed by II and has its headquarters at BELZIG, where it probably acts as a sort of depot unit. The first Battalion is reported to be stationed at VIENNA and covers the area of the Funkleiter S S O, the second is at WIESBADEN covering the area of the Funkleiter West, the third is probably responsible for Norway and Denmark, and the fourth serves as a

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# SUMMARY OF TRACES.

Date:..... Name:.....STEINLE, Eugen

Reference:..... File No.:.....

| NAME; ADDRESS;<br>PARTICULARS; INFORMATION | pp. | SUMMARY OF TRACES.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Staf. Eugen STEINLE.                       |     | <p><u>HEIN.</u> Describes him as SS Staf. VI (abt) = VI B. Age 43. 1m. 76, strong. Light brown hair, long, pale face. Comes from Wurttemberg. Last seen Apr. at Lauenstein.</p> <p><u>MORDRELLE.</u> Never actually seen him but supposed to have a rendez-vous at Frezen nr. Innsbruck on 29. Apr. which not kept. Source was told by an SD who turned up instead that Steinle is already passed through in his car "from the direction of Munich".</p> <p><u>BEHULZ</u> says S. was present at Salzburg on Jun 20th at a meeting re amalgamation of the Abwehr with the SD. Also said to have died near Reutte Apr. 20th.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">eab/...G.C....</p> |

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Extract from 020 Interrogation Report on MEISNER (PT. 60, 313)

Standartenfuhrer STEINLE @ DEGEN @ SAUTEL @ FLORENT.

A student of geography and history who, through his students' circle originally joined the Nazi party. He became a member of Kreis-SCHLEIBERG which was an anti-radical faction of academic origin, mostly composed of students and scientists. MEISNER knows little of his party career. In 1944 he was appointed SCHLEIBERG's assistant and ran Amt. VI. MEISNER last met STEINLE at Bregenz the end of March or beginning of April 1945. He was very depressed and asked MEISNER if possible to help his wife and family, then living in Pforzheim.

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